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Record Office and are also bound at the Government Press, Madras. The contents of the manuscripts are preserved by recopying them on durable paper.

" (e) No.

" (f) No.

" (g) No."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether a peripatetic party is employed on manuscript collection? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Not now, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I request the Government to consider the desirability of reviving the peripatetic party for the purpose of collection of manuscripts? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " I will go into the matter."

Publications printed in Government Press and by independent printers.

* 36 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state to what extent Government publications, including printed propaganda, issued in various forms are printed in the Government Press and by independent printers respectively ; and in the latter case, whether orders are decided by competitive estimates or prepared on a cost plus basis from selected printers?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " All Government publications including printed propaganda issued in various forms are invariably printed in the Government Press with the following exceptions :—

Propaganda posters of big size in Indian languages relating to the Public Health and Agriculture departments. They are entrusted to private presses as Poster types for them are not available in the Government Press. The entrustment of this work to private presses is only by the invitation of competitive tenders. The Board of Revenue has also been permitted to entrust the printing of food propaganda notices to private presses."

Contracts given by Forest Department.

* 37 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : With reference to question No. 102 answered on the 11th March 1947, will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) if the Conservator of Forests in his discretion was competent to enter into contracts irrespective of the monetary limit, what was the need for Government to intervene and grant the lease ;